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U.S. Food and Drug Administration
Dockets Management Branch
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to urge you to grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. Downed animals are animals that are too sick to even stand and they pose a health threat and should not be allowed to enter the food chain.

From a humane aspect, it is impossible to move downed animals gently and they are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains. These inhumane methods cause injuries ranging from bruises and abrasions, to broken bones and torn ligaments.

Since downed animals comprise a very small percentage of animals slaughtered, it shouldn't be an economic hardship to prohibit their marketing, thereby limiting the health risks to humans and ending the inhumane treatment of the downed animals.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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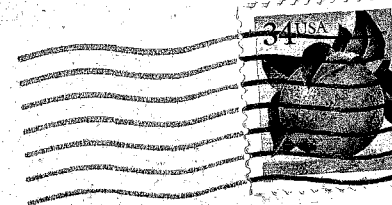
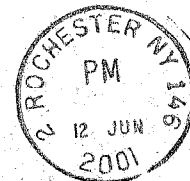
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the petition asks to prohibit and require the humane treatment of the downed
if slaughter of animals is to be prohibited to protect their welfare. Downed animals
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